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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 12, 2002, Applicant respectfully submits the following comments in connection with the above-captioned appliation.

Claims 1-8, 10-18 and 20-39 have been allowed; however Claims 42-81 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,036,603 to Mason et al.

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Lagman for the courteous telephone interview with Applicant's attorney, Glen Nuttall, on October 3, 2002. As discussed in the interview, the above-captioned application is a reissue application of U.S. Pat. No. 5,899,634, which issued from an application filed on October 22, 1996. Thus, the priority date of the above-captioned application is October 22, 1996. The application that became the Mason patent was filed on September 29, 1998. As such, the Mason patent is not prior art to the above-captioned

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application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of Claims 42-81.

Applicant believes that all of the claims currently are in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to all of the rejections in the case and to place the application in condition for immediate allowance. Nevertheless, if any undeveloped issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

Respectfully submitted,

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